

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
No. 7:19-cv-00092-D

LASONYA BELL,  
Plaintiff,

v.

LELAND DUDEK,  
Acting Commissioner of SSA,  
  
Defendant.

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Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney's fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$17,872.44. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Plaintiff has previously been awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, in the amount of \$4,595.00.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$17,872.44, and refund to Plaintiff the smaller award between this amount and the EAJA award.

SO ORDERED. This 6 day of March, 2025.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
United States District Judge